



Technical Meeting on Nuclear Security Culture in Organizations Associated with Nuclear and Other Radioactive Material

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The security risks associated with radioactive materials and associated facilities should not be overlooked and their understanding is crucial for an effective security system for radioactive material and associated facilities in Member States. According to the recent Fact Sheet of the IAEA Incident and Trafficking Database (ITDB), the majority of thefts and losses reported to the ITDB involved radioactive sources used in industrial or medical applications. Data also shows that more incidents occurred for radioactive sources than for nuclear material. This suggests that there are deficiencies in the security systems for radioactive sources and a strong need to raise the awareness of security risks associated with these sources. As most nuclear security systems are human-designed, managed, and operated, humans are the key to ensuring effective security systems. It is equally important to promote the understanding of the importance of a security culture, and facilitate the application of nuclear security culture concept into practice for effective security systems in addition to raising awareness of security risks.

Objectives

The objective for this event is for Member States to gain an understanding of how to enhance nuclear security culture in organizations associated with nuclear and other radioactive material. This will be achieved through Member States sharing good practices and challenges with establishing, promoting and enhancing a nuclear security culture.

Target Audience

The meeting is intended mainly for team members responsible for conducting nuclear security culture self-assessment and an enhancement programme at their respective institution or organization. Participants should be primarily, decision makers and/or senior staff from national regulatory bodies and/or other organizations and institutions that are responsible for nuclear security, or that would be called upon to respond to a security event involving nuclear or other radioactive material, such as the military, police, border control, customs and other emergency response organizations. It is assumed that designated participants will have a solid understanding of, and experience in, nuclear security culture. Participants should preferably be equally distributed between regulatory bodies, operating organizations, response organizations and supporting institutions.

Working Language(s)

English

Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated by an IAEA Member State or should be members of organizations that have been invited to attend.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA by **10 October 2025**, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>):
 - Persons with an existing NUCLEUS account can sign in to the platform with their username and password;
 - Persons without an existing NUCLEUS account can register [here](#).
2. Once signed in, prospective participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:
 - Complete or update their personal details under ‘Complete Profile’ and upload the relevant supporting documents;
 - Search for the relevant event under the ‘My Eligible Events’ tab;
 - Select the Member State or invited organization they want to represent from the drop-down menu entitled ‘Designating Authority’ (if an invited organization is not listed, please contact InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org);
 - If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information (this is not applicable to participants from invited organizations);
 - Based on the data input, the InTouch+ platform will automatically generate the Participation Form (Form A) and/or the Grant Application Form (Form C);
 - Submit their application.

Once submitted through the InTouch+ platform, the application, together with the auto-generated form(s), will be transmitted automatically to the required authority for approval. If approved, the application, together with the applicable form(s), will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform.

NOTE: The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by **10 October 2025**.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help](#) page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the [Agency's Personal Data and Privacy Policy](#) and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA's scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA's mandate. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning the IAEA InTouch+ platform.

Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to normally one participant per country, provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event.

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Venue

The event will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC) where the IAEA's Headquarters are located. Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

General information on the VIC and other practical details, such as a list of hotels offering a reduced rate for IAEA participants, are listed on the following IAEA web page: <https://www.iaea.org/events>.

Participants are advised to arrive at Checkpoint 1/Gate 1 of the VIC one hour before the start of the event on the first day in order to allow for timely registration. Participants will need to present an official photo identification document in order to be admitted to the VIC premises.

Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria at least four weeks before they travel to Austria. Since Austria is a Schengen State, persons requiring a visa will have to apply for a Schengen visa. In States where Austria has no diplomatic mission, visas can be obtained from the consular authority of a Schengen Partner State representing Austria in the country in question.

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.